From:

To: <u>Billington, Tracie;</u>

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Subject: water in the high desert

Date: Thursday, November 30, 2006 12:58:51 PM

Attachments:

Tracie, I live in San Bernardino County, outside the city limits of Apple Valley. I purchased my property (almost 5 acres) in 1976, with water rights listed on the deed. At that time, the water level in my well was at 55 feet. Now, thirty years later, the water level has dropped to 70 feet, so I now can run my well pump for only 15 minutes, and it runs out of water. I used to be able to run it for hours at a time without ever running out of water. I urge you to do whatever you can to increase the water table in the High Desert. The cities of Adelanto, Victorville, Hesperia, and Apple Valley have had so much developing going on that the pressure on the water table is ever-increasing, and before long, if nothing changes, I will be forced to drill a new well at a cost of \$10,000 or more. With the population increases in the high desert, it is imperative that we add more water to the high desert water table.

Thanks for allowing me the time to express my views during your busy work schedule. Sincerely, Jim Blackburn